

Forest Economic Partnership Innovation Awards: Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. These Terms and Conditions apply to all entries submitted for the Forest Economic Partnership Innovation Awards (the "Awards").
- 1.2. The Awards are open to all businesses operating within the Forest of Dean, including, but not limited to:
 - Sole traders
 - Partnerships
 - Limited companies
 - Community Interest Companies (CICs)
 - Social enterprises
- 1.3. Employees of the Forest Economic Partnership, their immediate families, and the Awards' judging panel are not eligible to enter.

2. Entry Requirements

- 2.1. Entries must demonstrate a clear and innovative approach to business within the Forest of Dean. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - New products or services
 - Innovative business models
 - Sustainable practices
 - Community engagement initiatives
 - Technological advancements
- 2.2. Entries must be submitted in the format specified by the Forest Economic Partnership.
- 2.3. All entries must be received by the deadline stipulated by the Forest Economic Partnership.

3. Judging Criteria

3.1. Entries will be judged by an independent panel of experts based on the following criteria:

- Innovation and originality
- Commercial viability
- Sustainability
- Impact on the local economy
- Community benefit
- 3.2. The judges' decision is final and binding.

4. Prizes

- 4.1. The winners of the Awards will receive:
 - Publicity and promotion through the Forest Economic Partnership's channels.
 - Opportunities to network with other businesses and investors.
 - Access to business support services.
 - The opportunity to showcase their innovation at local events.
- 4.2. The Forest Economic Partnership reserves the right to amend the prize structure at any time.

5. Intellectual Property

- 5.1. By entering the Awards, entrants grant the Forest Economic Partnership the right to use their entry materials for promotional purposes, including, but not limited to:
 - Publication on the Forest Economic Partnership website and social media channels.
 - Use in press releases and marketing materials.
- 5.2. Entrants retain all intellectual property rights in their own work.

6. Data Protection

- 6.1. The Forest Economic Partnership will collect and process personal data in accordance with UK data protection legislation.
- 6.2. Entrants can find more information about how the Forest Economic Partnership uses their data in the organisation's Privacy Policy.

7. Liability

7.1. The Forest Economic Partnership accepts no liability for any loss or damage incurred by entrants as a result of their participation in the Awards.

8. General

- 8.1. The Forest Economic Partnership reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time.
- 8.2. Any queries regarding the Awards should be directed to the Forest Economic Partnership.